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Application No.: 10/706,489 Group No.: 2624  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR THE INSPECTION OF OBJECTS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		
		US 5,048,094		09-1991	Aoyama et al.
		US 4,989,082		01-1991	Hopkins, Brian M.
		US 4,532,650		07-1985	Wihl et al.
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		US 5,067,162		11-1991	Driscoll, Jr. et al.
		US 5,245,671		09-1993	Kobayashi et al.

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